



# SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Message From **MAYOR MARIE GALLO**



Dear Residents,

As we head into summer, you will notice that we have a lot of projects going on in our city. The construction of the Nathan Hale retention basin has finally commenced which will help to alleviate flooding issues for many of our residents. Our waterpark at Greenbrier Commons has received aesthetic and equipment upgrades and will be fully operational as the warm temperatures start rolling in. The former Greenbrier indoor skating rink, more recently known as the NEO Soccer facility, has been demolished. Parma Heights is

being considered for a new library at this location, and we are working with the Cuyahoga County Public Library to make this happen for our residents.

This newsletter is full of great information. I hope you have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you around our great city!

Sincerely,

Mayor Marie Gallo

## NATHAN HALE RETENTION BASIN

We are excited to finally start the Nathan Hale retention basin project to help alleviate basement flooding for many of our residents. The cost of this project is over \$4 million, and we are grateful to our community partners for helping us make this happen. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District assisted Parma Heights with securing funding in the amounts of \$1 million through a Member Community Infrastructure Program Grant and up to \$1 million in Community Cost Share funds. Our County Councilman, Scott Tuma, advocated for \$1.2 million in ARPA funds for this project. We were successful in securing \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant, and the remaining funding for this basin will come from storm water funds. Construction will continue through 2023, and we hope to have this project completed in early 2024. Nathan Hale Park will be closed to the public during construction.



## PUBLIC SAFETY *Department*



It is always exciting to start new hires within the Parma Heights Fire Department. Jacob Bartinelli decided that he wanted to become a firefighter because he strives to be a leader in his community and a person that anyone can look to for help. He chose Parma Heights because it is his dream department. Since his first ride time here in medic school, he noticed the camaraderie and teamwork among all the members of the fire department and knew that was something he would love to be a part of. Michael Zevchek spent six years in the United States Army Reserves, seven years with Cleveland EMS and two years working part time with



Twinsburg Fire Department. He is excited to have found a home within the Parma Heights Fire Department. It is with great honor to welcome two of our newest firefighters/paramedics to our ranks.

We welcome our newest police officer, Andrew Augustin. Officer Augustin is from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, where he graduated High School in 2010. He then went to Tri-C and earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and attended Tri-C's Police Academy. Officer Augustin started his law enforcement career at the Put-in-Bay Police Department and then was hired by the Cleveland Police Department. He served the City of Cleveland in the 3rd District for over five years before transferring to the Cleveland Clinic Police Department. Andy is engaged to Bree - with a wedding planned this year. On February 21, 2023, he was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Parma Heights Police Department. Officer Augustin will be an asset to the community; we would like to welcome him and wish him best of luck throughout his career with our department.



Congratulations to our fourth annual Parma Heights Police Citizens Academy graduates! A special thank you to Detective Eric Taylor for his time and effort that he puts into this program. Thank you to Chief Scharschmidt, our officers that took part in the academy and our guest speakers that made this a great experience for our graduates. We also appreciate our partnership with Tri-C for helping to make this possible.

## SERVICE *Department*

### BULK COLLECTION DATES

*Third Full Week of the Month on your regular service day WEDNESDAY*

June 21, 2023  
July 19, 2023

August 23, 2023  
September 20, 2023

October 18, 2023  
November 22, 2023

December 20, 2023

### REPUBLIC SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

*Delay In Collection*

Independence Day July 4 – **Thursday July 6**  
Labor Day September 4 – **Thursday September 7**

Christmas Day December 25 – **Thursday December 28**

### REPUBLIC SERVICES

*Curbside Yard Waste Collection*

April 12, 2023 – November 29, 2023



### SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

*9am until Noon at the Parma Heights Service Garage*

#### Household Hazardous Waste

July 22, 2023  
October 28, 2023

#### Scrap Tire Collection

September 9, 2023

#### Community Shred

September 23, 2023

#### Recycle Your Computer

October 14, 2023

#### Campaign Sign Recycling

November 11, 2023

**\*\*Any change in dates will be posted on the city's website, Facebook page and ReadyNotify\*\***

**Reminder! Garbage/recycle/yard waste containers can be placed at the curb no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to collection and must be removed from the curb by 9:00 p.m. on collection day.**

### CITY-WIDE YARD SALE

**Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15**

Time to spring clean? Find a new home for those hidden treasures, children's items, and housewares by going to <https://forms.gle/AFKYigvMYcUh9PNj8> or by scanning the QR code. Register by July 7, 2023 to be a seller for this event.



For more information, please call 440.884.9601 or send an E-mail to [ballen@parmaheights.us](mailto:ballen@parmaheights.us).

# RECREATION *Department*

## **PARMA HEIGHTS POOL IS OPEN!**

Greenbrier Commons, 6200 Pearl Road

Swim lessons, Senior Swim, Water Aerobics & more are available on the Parma Hts. Recreation Facebook Page.

## **YOGA IN THE PARK – *First Saturday of the month from May to September - May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th & September 2nd***

Greenbrier Commons, 6200 Pearl Road – (Meet at Parma Heights pool gatehouse)

10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Free – Open to the public!

## **“DIVE-IN” MOVIES – *Saturdays - June 17th, July 22nd, August 12th***

Parma Heights Pool, 6200 Pearl Road

Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

Stay late & bring a pool float (or enjoy a root beer at the concession stand) for our first-ever “Dive-In” Movies!  
Admission Fee

## **CARDBOARD BOAT RACES & PENNY BOAT FLOATS – *Saturday, June 24th***

Parma Heights Pool, 6200 Pearl Road

Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Compete with staff and other residents in your homemade cardboard boat! Don't want to risk sinking? We will be hosting Penny Boat Float simultaneously in the Children's Activity Pool, with supplies and instructions provided.  
Pool admission required – (Free admission for “boat captain”)

## **“CHRISTMAS IN JULY DAY” ACTIVITIES – *Saturday, July 22nd***

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Parma Heights Pool, 6200 Pearl Road

Spend the day in Greenbrier Commons enjoying crafts and games with the Parma Heights Recreation Department team and our community partners.

## **FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Greenbrier Commons Gazebo, 6200 Pearl Road starting at 6:30 p.m.

“Hip to That” – Sunday, July 16  
(Rock/Pop)

“Akron Symphonic Winds” – Sunday, July 23  
(Professional Wind Ensemble)

“Girls with Squirrels” – Sunday, July 30  
(Variety Music)

“Don Disantis Band” – Sunday, August 6  
(Selections from the Great American Songbook)



## NEW LIBRARY PLANNED FOR PARMA HEIGHTS

At the end of last year, the city was awarded grant funding through the Cuyahoga Land Bank for the demolition of the NEO Soccer facility located in Greenbrier Commons next to the water park and the Cassidy Theatre. The Cuyahoga County Public Library is in the planning stages for the construction of a new library where the NEO Soccer facility, formerly the indoor ice rink, once stood. This will be a wonderful upgrade and addition to our community for use by our residents, families and seniors.



## SENIOR *Center*

Here at the Senior Center, we continue to provide congregate and home delivered meals Monday through Friday. Since the beginning of this year to date, the Parma Heights Senior Center has served and/or delivered 13,634 meals. There are a variety of exercises and activities offered daily and you can find out all the goings-on in our monthly newsletter. You are able to access the Senior Center newsletter on the Parma Heights website, at the Senior Center or stop in and pick one up at Parma Heights City Hall. We were thrilled to take part in the Earth Day Celebration organized by the Parma Heights Recreation Department this April. Our seniors played "Bug Tic Tac Toe" with the kids and helped people make greeting cards. The inter-generational experience was fun for everyone. This spring, we have many exciting trips planned and we are taking full advantage of the beautiful weather to enjoy more outdoor events. Our Chair Volleyball team played The Donna Smallwood's team in March and we won the match 3 games to 1. It was great fun and we are working on getting together with other Senior Centers this summer. Our door is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Come check us out!



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